



## Older Adult Services Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

**Date: November 14, 2016 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. (Approved 02/27/2017)**

**Locations:**

Illinois Department on Aging, 160 N. LaSalle St., 7<sup>th</sup> floor, Chicago

Illinois Department on Aging (at the DNR bldg.), One Natural Resources Way, Springfield

**IN ATTENDANCE: Committee Members**

Sherry Barter Hamlin – River-to-River Residential Corporation

Theresa Collins – Senior Services Plus Inc.

Dr. Thomas Cornwell – HomeCare Physicians

Carla D. Fiessinger – Monahan Law Group

Jan Grimes – Illinois HomeCare and Hospice Council

Terri Harkin – SEIU Health Care – Illinois and Indiana

Susan Hughes – UIC Community Health Sciences School of Public Health

Andrew Kretschmar (for Jennifer Belkov) - Alzheimer's Association, Greater Illinois Chapter

Phyllis Mitzen – Health and Medicine Policy Research Group

Susan Real – East Central Illinois Area Agency on Aging

Karen Schainker – Senior Services of Central Illinois

Teva Shirley – Southwestern Illinois Visiting Nurse Association

Jason Speaks – Leading Age Illinois

Bob Thieman (for Cindy Cunningham) – Illinois Adult Day Service Association

Cathy Weightman-Moore – Catholic Charities LTC Ombudsman Program

**Ex-officio Committee Members:**

Jennifer Reif, Deputy Director (for Jean Bohnhoff, Director) – Department on Aging

Frances Collins (for Debra Bryars) – Department of Public Health

Gwen Diehl – Department of Veterans Affairs

Bonnee Hartman-Walter (for Kelly Cunningham) – Department of Healthcare and Family Services

Megan Spitz – Illinois Housing Development Authority

Lyle VanDeventer – Department of Human Services

**Guests:** Carrie Blakeway, Heather Johnson, Sam Mordka, Sharon Post, Sara Ratcliffe, Kristen Rice

**Department on Aging staff:**

Mike Berkes, Alex Burke, Betsy Creamer, John Eckert, Sophia Gonzalez, Jose Jimenez, Lora McCurdy, Steve Milburn, Anna O'Connell

**NOT IN ATTENDANCE: Committee Members**

Carol Aronson- Shawnee Alliance for Seniors

Amy S. Brown –CRIS Healthy Aging Center

June Benedick – Parish Nurse St. Paul Lebanon & St. Mark Lutheran

Andy Chusid – Health Care Council of Illinois

Kelly Fischer – Journey Care Hospice

Robyn Golden – Rush University Medical Center

Lori Hendren – AARP

Kaye Kibler – Willowbrook Memory Support Houses

Michael Koronkowski – UIC College of Pharmacy

Jonathan Lavin – AgeOptions  
Dave Lowitzki – SEIU Healthcare Illinois and Indiana  
Patricia O’Dea-Evans – A Silver Connection  
Samantha Olds Frey – Illinois Association of Medicaid Health Plans  
Louise Starmann – Citizen Member  
Ancy Zacharia – Home Care Physicians

**Ex-officio – Committee Members not in attendance:**

Jamie Freschi – State Long Term Care Ombudsman  
Representative – Governor’s office

**Introductions & Call to Order:**

Jennifer Reif, Deputy Director welcomed everyone to the meeting and introductions were made. John Eckert asked for a motion to call the meeting to order. Thomas Cornwell made a motion to call the meeting to order and Sherry Barter Hamlin seconded. All members voted in favor.

**Approve minutes of Full OASAC August 22, 2016 Meeting:**

John Eckert asked OASAC members to review the minutes from August 22, 2016. With members adding no additions or corrections, he asked for a motion to approve the minutes. Sherry Barter Hamlin made a motion to approve the meeting minutes and Karen Schainker seconded. All members voted in favor.

**Presentation by the Lewin Group on No Wrong Door Planning, Choices for Care Study & NH Deflection Demonstration:**

Lora McCurdy shared that the Department has been working on several Balancing Incentive Program (BIP) funded initiatives with the Lewin Group consultants; including the No Wrong Door 3-year plan, the Nursing Home Deflection Demonstration and a study on the Choices for Care policies. The Lewin Group representatives Carry Blakeway, Kristen Rice, and Heather Johnson provided a PowerPoint presentation on these three initiatives. (Note that a copy of the PowerPoint is available at the Department website [www.illinois.gov/aging](http://www.illinois.gov/aging) as an attachment to these minutes). Following the presentation a discussion followed. McCurdy clarified that the NWD initiative would be rolled out across all age and disability program groups and include both State and State-funded agencies. Betsy Creamer shared that many of the NWD sites will assist with the UAT Level I screening tool. John Eckert shared that more education is needed regarding the Choices for Care assessment as a tool to deflect individuals from unnecessary nursing facility (NF) stays. Too often the screen has been viewed primarily to ensure the completion of the HFS 2536 form that authorizes NF to reimburse for residents with Medicaid. There was also a discussion regarding looking at why an individual is in the hospital; and making post-screens for NF residents who are short-term vs. long term to ensure they do not remain in the NF unnecessarily. McCurdy shared that the Department will be reviewing the numerous findings and recommendations from the Lewin Choices for Care report and incorporate them in to Department policies and trainings. Members additionally discussed that falls are an important issue related to seniors remaining safe in the community and asked if the Department was looking this critical factor. McCurdy shared that the Department will be meeting with Mike O’Donnell to learn more about a new “Matter of Balance” training initiative.

**Update on Budget:**

Anna O’Connell, acting CFO shared that the Department is behind on billing but vouchers are being paid. She shared that the Stop Gap Budget appropriation will end on December 31<sup>st</sup>.

**Update on Community Reinvestment Program (CRP):**

Deputy Director Reif shared that the Department has continued to move forward with CRP program development and have had meetings with the Aging Network to provide details on its activities. Deputy Director Reif additionally shared that work with GOMB has continued on the CRP policy and rules and stated that many of the comments received from stakeholders are being applied. Reif also stated that a future presentation on CRP for OASAC members will be planned. There were no questions or comments from members.

**Update on Legislation:**

Alex Burke shared that the fall veto session begins on November 15<sup>th</sup>. Additionally, Burke stated the Department is currently looking for ideas for potential initiatives that would require or benefit from legislation and encouraged OASAC members to contact him if they have any ideas for consideration. Burke noted that he would be able to share more information on any Department initiatives and new legislation at the next OASAC meeting. He noted that additional information regarding existing legislation can be found on the Department website.

**Other issues & Announcements:**

2017 OASAC Report to the General Assembly

John Eckert shared that the 2017 OASAC Report to the General Assembly is being updated from last years' including the following additions: New sections are being included on the HHS Transformation initiative and IHDA/State housing initiatives. Members were encouraged to share any successes from the past year and recommendations for the new year to be included in the Report. A draft will be sent to members in mid-December for review and a meeting will be scheduled for members to comment on the final draft and approve the Report with final clarifications and additions.

Alzheimer's disease Initiative

Betsy Creamer shared that the Department received a three year grant from ACL and will be working with the Alzheimer's Association and SIU School of Medicine on a number of activities. These activities will be a continuation of the previous Dementia Capable grant that Illinois received and some of the trainings from the previous grant will be continued in different areas throughout the State. The new grant activities include additional trainings for the Aging Network and working with DHS on trainings for persons with intellectual disabilities who are aging. The Department will be looking at identifying individuals that live alone and providing trainings via webinars to in-home workers and home delivered meal workers to identify these individuals. The SIU School of Medicine will be working with community groups and Senior Centers on providing other evidence based programs. Creamer noted that updates will be provided at future OASAC meetings.

Last meeting for Long-term OASAC Members

It was noted that this would be the last meeting for Jon Lavin and Carol Aronson. Both Aronson and Lavin have served on OASAC since it was created by law. Susan Real will be replacing Lavin as an AAA representative and Teva Shirley will be replacing Aronson. It was also noted that there would be several new members attending the February 27<sup>th</sup> OASAC meeting.

**Motion to Adjourn:**

John Eckert asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Gwen Diehl made a motion to adjourn. Sherry Barter Hamlin seconded the motion. All were in favor, the motion was approved unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 2:55 p.m.